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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety and Correctional Services - Inmates Confined to State**
3 **Correctional Facilities - Release Dates**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a modification of a release date from confinement in a
5 State correctional facility when the scheduled release date falls on a certain day;
6 requiring the Commissioner of Correction to adopt certain regulations
7 establishing a release plan for inmates upon release from a facility; and
8 generally relating to inmate release dates.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Correctional Services
11 Section 9-609
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Correctional Services**

17 9-609.

18 (A) Whenever a date of release from confinement in a State correctional
19 facility is a [Sunday] SATURDAY, SUNDAY, or legal holiday, the inmate shall be
20 released on the FIRST preceding day THAT IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL
21 HOLIDAY.

1 (B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A
2 RELEASE PLAN FOR INMATES UPON RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT IN A STATE
3 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO HELP IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO ASSIST INMATES
4 FOLLOWING RELEASE, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FROM THE
5 FACILITY FOR AN INMATE UPON RELEASE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
7 effect October 1, 2004.